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1. A portable data storage device comprising a coupling device for coupling to a computer serial bus, an interface device coupled to the coupling device, a memory control device and a non-volatile solid-state memory device; the memory control device being coupled between the interface device and the memory device to control the flow of data from the memory device to the coupling device.
2. A device according to claim 1, wherein the non-volatile solid-state memory device is a read/write memory device.
3. A device according to claim 2, wherein the read/write memory device is a flash memory device.
4. A device according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the memory control device controls the flow of data to and from the memory device.
5. A device according to any of claims 2 to 4, further comprising a manually operated switch movable between a first position in which writing of data to the memory device is enabled, and a second position in which writing of data to the memory device is prevented.
6. A device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the memory control device comprises a micro-controller.

7. A device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the coupling device comprises a universal serial bus coupling device and the interface device comprises a USB driver.

5 8. A device according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the coupling device comprises an IEEE 1394 (Firewire) protocol coupling device and the interface device is a Firewire protocol driver.

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